

Attorney Docket No.: 56356

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : TERASHIMA et al.  
Serial No : 08/964,257  
Filed : November 4, 1997  
For : APPARATUS EQUIPPED...  
Art Unit : 2722  
Examiner : M. Nguyen  
Dated : May 23, 2000

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 (a)**

Sir:

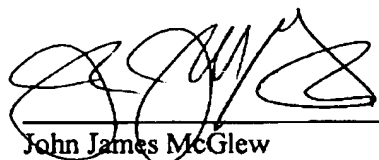
The Office Action dated December 23, 1999 provided for a shortened statutory period for response of three months.

The shortened statutory period expired March 22, 2000.

Since the attached response is being filed within the second month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) please charge our deposit account 13-0410 the appropriate petition fee of \$380.00.

Respectfully submitted  
for Applicant(s),

By:



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SHOULD ANY OTHER FEE BE REQUIRED, THE PATENT AND  
TRADEMARK OFFICE IS HEREBY REQUESTED TO CHARGE SUCH FEE TO  
OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 13-0410.